



# Family Court News

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October 26	Annual Meeting
December 1	Phase IV Program Assessments /Project Manuals Due

## Share your Success Stories

Do you have some programming that is new and innovative, or maybe the tried and true that just really works, or have you had success in finding alternative sources of funding your family court programming? We can all learn from sharing each other's successes. If you have a story to share, please e-mail me at [loleksy@courts.state.in.us](mailto:loleksy@courts.state.in.us). I would love to have at least one success story for every monthly newsletter, and maybe even take one month just to focus on our collective successes!

## Contact the Family Court Project

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## Phase V Grant Application Deadline Extended to September 1

We have extended the application deadline for new Phase V Family Court Projects to September 1. If you know of counties who were interested but thought they missed the deadline, please let them know there is still time and encourage them to contact me if they have questions or need assistance with the application.

## Have You Talked to Your Pro Bono Plan Administrator Lately?

The Indiana Pro Bono Commission is a project of the Indiana Bar Foundation and consists of 21 members appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court and the Indiana Bar Foundation. The Commission is responsible for allocating IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts) funds to the 14 District Pro Bono Committees in Indiana. District Committees submit an annual report and plan that addresses the unmet legal needs in their community. To date the Indiana Pro Bono Commission has funded nearly \$2,585,000 to the 14 Indiana District Committees.

You may be saying, "That's really interesting, but what does it have to do with Family Court?" A large percentage of the litigants served by the Pro Bono districts are involved in family law cases, so there is a great deal of overlap in the populations we serve and therefore a great opportunity to coordinate our services. Districts sometimes make small grants to organizations that are providing legal services in their area, and they are encouraged to coordinate services with other providers. In some areas of the state, the Pro Bono district and the Family Court project share staff. If you have not reviewed your district plan or talked with your plan administrator, check out the Commission web site, <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/probono/>. You can access the current district plans on this site to see if there are already areas where you can work together, and you can also find the contact information for your district plan administrator.